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The Formation of New Chapters.

The initiation of a new chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta suggests a question which is always of interest, namely the question of the extension of this fraternity into colleges where it is not now represented. For some time to come this question is likely to be of interest, and while not especially pertinent now, is of enough importance to warrant a short discussion.

The well known conservatism of Kappa Alpha Theta in granting new charters has often kept this question from coming prominently before us. Nevertheless, in spite of this conservatism we are extending our organization. That the principle of growth is still active in the fraternity, is shown by the fact that in the last three years three new chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta have been established, and one old one whose charter had previously been resigned has been reëstablished. In these three years, then, practically four new chapters have been added to the chapter roll. This seems a large number for the time stated, and may well suggest the question: "Is such extension justified." Before answering this, the reasons for such extension must be clearly perceived.

We desire fraternity extension, in the first place, on what may be called selfish grounds. Being a national organization, we naturally desire to be as national as possible, and to be represented in as many colleges of high rank as possible. Such a reason is natural, and praiseworthy, and worth

considering. It is probably the main reason which is borne in mind when the formation of new chapters is considered. There is, however, another reason which must not be omitted. Believing heartily in the fraternity idea as an influence for good in college life, our various chapters must wish to extend to other colleges the advantages which they themselves have enjoyed. There are, then, two considerations which must always arise upon the receipt of applications for new charters.

First, is the college from which this application comes one in which Kappa Alpha Theta would care to establish a new chapter, and, secondly, are the conditions existing in that college such that the establishment there of a college fraternity would work more good than harm—for that a fraternity may sometimes work harm as well as good, is a fact which we have to admit.

Our constitution limits our chapters to colleges having a certain number of students, and doing a certain class of work. Those are, perhaps, the only hard and fast rules which can be laid down regarding the matter. Others may, however, be suggested, subject, of course, to the different conditions in different colleges.

A college in which we think of locating should be a growing institution. We should not wish to establish a chapter in an institution which showed signs of deterioration in either work or students. An institution may show a desirable class of students now. If, in the investigation which should always be made before a new charter is granted, it should be shown that the said institution possessed more students or more desirable students a few years ago than it does now, the wiser course would certainly be not to enter that college. A chapter there may be fairly successful for a while, but if the college has ceased to be a growing one, the chapter can hardly hope for a very successful future. Too great care and thought in considering the character of a college in which it is proposed to establish a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, cannot be urged. Our aim has been and

should always be, the possession of a few strong and growing chapters, rather than many weaker ones. This is one of the points in which the traditional conservatism of Kappa Alpha Theta is a strength rather than a weakness.

The other consideration mentioned, namely that we should locate only in colleges where the establishment of a college fraternity would be a decided advantage to the students of those colleges certainly deserves some thought. The main reason for the establishment of Kappa Alpha Theta was the belief that a college fraternity helped a student to make the most of her college life. This reason should likewise be of force in the establishment of new chapters. Small colleges in which all the students are fairly congenial, or in which there exists a strong college feeling may find the introduction of college fraternities and fraternity spirit and loyalty, a drawback rather than an advantage.

All members of Kappa Alpha Theta earnestly desire to see their fraternity occupying a prominent position in well known colleges and universities. To limit our fraternity to the institutions in which we are now located would not be wise. Nevertheless, in establishing new chapters, too great care can not be exercised in determining that the college under question is one in which we wish to locate, and that the students applying for the new charter are such as will make a chapter we shall be glad to place upon the roll of Kappa Alpha Theta.

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

The University of Vermont.

Burlington, Vermont's queen city, is truly an ideal place for the location of a university. It is a small city, situated on the shore of Lake Champlain, not far from the foot of the Green Mountains. A long hill rises gradually from the Lake, and upon its summit stand the University buildings. The landscape which continually spreads before the student's

eyes can not be forgotten after Latin and Greek have become mere puzzles again. Towards the east beyond the villages and intervale meadows, rise the Green Mountains, among which Mount Mansfield and Camel's Hump stand out prominent. Westward lies the long blue Lake and still farther west are seen the Adirondacks. This, it is said, is a real Swiss scene, and it is, indeed, hard to imagine one more beautiful in any country.

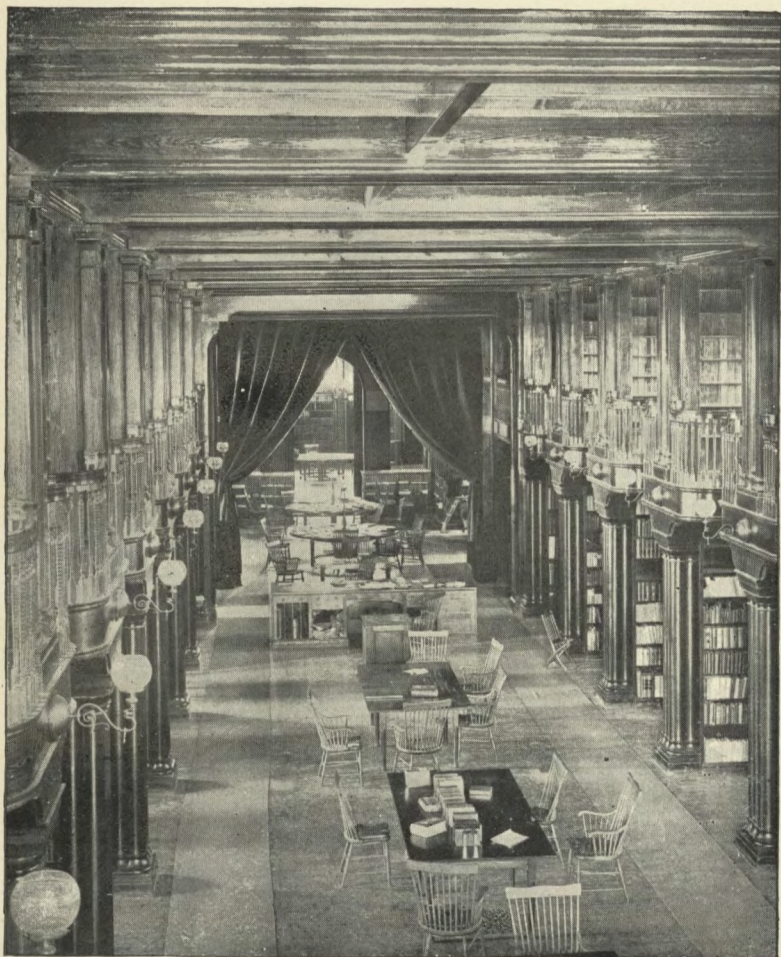
The University of Vermont was chartered in 1791 when there were only twelve other colleges in America. In 1824 the main building was destroyed by fire, but the next year the corner-stone of a new one was laid by General Lafayette during his visit to this country. The last twenty-five years have been called the "building era" of the University, all of the present buildings having been constructed or reconstructed since 1871.

Without doubt the most beautiful and artistic building is the Billings Library which is made of red sandstone in the Romanesque style of architecture. The architect, Mr. Richardson, just before his death, said of it, "It is the best thing I have yet done." Academic students have access to all of the 50,000 volumes, with the exception of the Marsh collection, which is very old and mostly in foreign languages. Two large round tables stand in the Central Hall, and upon these are many of the periodicals of America, England, Scotland, France, and Germany. On Monday evening of commencement week the tables are all moved away, and the Library is thronged with pleasure-seekers at "Senior Reception."

The Williams Science Hall is another building of which all are justly proud. It is built of brick and terra cotta and is strictly fire-proof. Dr. Williams expended \$140,000 upon the building, and \$60,000 in equipping it. It is said to be one of the most elaborate Science Halls in the country. Above the entrance is an arch among the decorations of which are the heads of Agassiz, Henry, and Morse in high relief.



GRASS MOUNT, WOMEN'S DORMITORY.



INTERIOR OF THE BILLINGS LIBRARY.



A VIEW FROM THE NORTH END OF COLLEGE PARK.

The new Converse Dormitory for the men is constructed in the Collegiate Gothic style, of Rutland blue marble, and cost \$125,000. In 1895, the University purchased the "Gov. Van Ness House" for a girls' dormitory. It is a delightful, stately old house, with spacious grounds, and makes an ideal home for about twenty. It was here that Lafayette stayed while in Burlington, and so, many wished to name it Lafayette Hall, but it was finally called by its original name, Grass Mount. It is near the University, and commands a fine view of the Lake.

The main building is simply "The Mill," to students. It contains most of the recitation rooms and the chapel. Some of the older buildings may be simply mentioned: the Medical College, the Agricultural College, the Mechanical building, the Museum which contains a very valuable East Indian collection, Commons Hall, where the men board, and the Baseball Cage which was presented last year.

The University has five departments: Liberal Arts, Engineering, Chemistry, Medicine and Agriculture. The elective courses in the Liberal Arts begin in the Sophomore year, and the Senior may elect his whole year's work.

According to the last Catalogue, the total number of students is now 580. Of these 297 are Academic students.

The University opened its doors to women in 1871. At first only two or three a year ventured to accept the opportunity and the number has increased very slowly, as there are about 60 at present. There is now only one other Women's Fraternity besides Kappa Alpha Theta, that being Delta Delta Delta which was founded in 1893.

Vermont's baseball team is one of its principal means of acquaintance with other colleges. The record shows many a victory, and Dartmouth, Yale, Harvard, Cornell, and others have sometime contended to their discomfiture. When the team goes on its annual trip, everyone listens anxiously for the college bell, for when Vermont is victorious it rings merrily forth, but is ominously silent otherwise.

The social advantages offered to the Vermont student are

somewhat unusual, for Burlington is neither too large nor too small for the College and every one is interested in the College and the students. Commencement is, of course, the principal festivity, and it comes in the most beautiful season of the year. The Class Day exercises are held in a pine grove on the college green. A word must be added about the Green. General Ira Allen, the founder of the University, deeded this land to the College, and wished the forest to be cleared away from it that it might be a "convenient door-yard." What would he say now if he should see it? In the center stands a fine bronze statue of Lafayette, by J. Q. A. Ward, and north of this a pretty fountain which used to be made use of in the case of an obstreperous freshman.

The University of Vermont is, of course, one of the many "small colleges" as yet, but with many of the advantages and equipment of the large ones. Many great and noble men have gone out from her doors, and all of her sons and daughters are satisfied and loyal.

MARIAN B. RUSTEDT, *Lambda*.

Our Sisterhood.

"This young lady will give you something from the side of the ladies fraternity," said a young man to the journalism student, speaking of the girl with whom he had come into the hall of the main building.

He introduced the reporter to her, and left them together, saying that he had explained only partially to the young lady.

"You are a member of a fraternity?"

"Yes, of Kappa Alpha Theta."

"Yes. Well I am interested just now in making investigations in regard to the numerous organizations in the University, social, literary, etc. I first ask a person why he joined a fraternity?" smiling and jotting down the notes in his book. He then put the book away and asked very in-

formally, if she objected to explaining her reasons at some length.

"Not at all," she replied. "I was in the University a year before I was asked to join a fraternity. I had not come here to join one, but for school, for intellectual work, and did not expect to join; my parents never having 'believed' in them though they had never seriously considered the matter. As I say, I did not care; I was content socially, and I liked the new work I was taking up. No, sir, I was not the regulation independent, as characterized here in school, as a 'Barb'—for the very best and most loveable girls I knew were members of fraternities. I failed entirely to appreciate the strong line of distinction between the fraternity and the non-fraternity students; but gave the matter little thought. Shortly after our entrance into the University, a girl of my class was asked to join the Theta fraternity. I had during my life here in the city formed a close friendship with this girl, and hence there was at least one reason for me to defend fraternities from the attacks so liberally made.

"If I had been called upon to show any favoritism many reasons led me to love and respect the Thetas, their high intellectual standard and general kindness and good behaviour.

"In the spring of my freshman year, I was asked to join the Theta fraternity, much to my surprise, as I thought fraternities wanted wealth, first of all, then beauty, society qualifications, and popularity."

The listener nodded and said, "My idea, too, has been very similar." "Perhaps I seem inconsistent, but, though I upheld the fraternity in the University discussion, I really believe, as I say, that wealth meant most, and that intellectual requirements happened because of some law or something of the kind. Well, suffice it to say, they asked me, told me that I needed them, and they needed me. An older girl spoke to me about it and said they liked me, that they could do me good and I could do them good.

"I thought about it seriously and, with the consent of my parents they too thinking seriously, I put on their colors,—and was initiated—all with the one supreme and honest purpose of doing my share to advance the development of womanhood, true and noble, in this school and elsewhere. There, that was why I joined a fraternity."

"Thank you very much" said the interviewer, "but may I ask—how does it turn out—are you helped?"

"Indeed I am, sir. It was not a fruitless experiment but a justly successful venture. I find that I know girls better, for a fraternity has all types—and they know me. We help each other—we are sisters to each other and I find it easier to be a sister to every girl of my merest acquaintance."

"Through our mutual advice, kindness, close affection and care for each other in the fraternity, we know how to make felt upon the student body of girls and boys as well, the influence of a band of loyal young women linked together, not for society alone but for all that leads to ultimate true living."

He was a middle-aged married man and the girl was thus in no danger of being thought affectedly frank in thus seriously and fully answering his questions. "I believe you understand me, sir," she continued: "It is very unfortunate that the 'Barb' girls have such a seemingly overpowering aversion to fraternities. I admit that there are grounds for them to grumble at Fate, if they look at it in that way, for not having evenly distributed the pleasant things of University life;—but do you not think that the fault is mutual—that they do not try to see us in a true way."

"I certainly do—I myself am not a fraternity member but I am entirely unprejudiced. I understand the points you have made and I must say that I see some very good reasons in them for the existence of the fraternity. You have put the matter quite differently from anyone else that I have asked. Again, I thank you very much," and bowing he departed.

It is only a hint of the question I think worthy of great consideration in the fraternity. This girl had been, fortunately, surrounded by thinking people to whom life is a pleasant duty not a trivial pastime.

She is only one of many. We all had our reasons, true and good, for joining our respective fraternities, but do we not often forget to follow out the line we saw before us then? As we pursue our ideal, as we further our highest aspirations as women, we do well when we keep always before our minds the goal of our desires.

We Thetas do well to keep down all the bitter animosities so natural to human nature. We are in a hard position as regards a just interpretation of our actions—but honesty of purpose, kindness of manner and constancy withal can not fail to help tighten the bond of the universal sisterhood of women.

KAPPA.

President's Letter.

During the last week I have done what I suppose every newly elected Grand President has done. I have read through all the documents which were given to me by my predecessor and looked over the archives of the fraternity. To Tau Chapter, as head quarters of the fraternity these archives rightly belong and I expect to send them to Evanston as soon as possible. It is my desire to make of these archives a complete history of the fraternity, and this can be done if every chapter and every Theta will assist us in finding and collecting interesting papers. In the archives of the chapters will be found papers which belong more properly to the archives of the general fraternity, and I hope that if the chapters cannot decide to part with such souvenirs, copies at least will be sent to Tau Chapter.

Among other things, I am anxious to have a complete set of the Journals. To avoid receiving more than one

copy of each issue I wish to ask those who can supply numbers published prior to 1895 to let me know by postal. I can then send a request to the chapters replying for the desired numbers. I hope this matter will be taken up readily and the set completed by June.

I regret to say that we have not a complete set of chapter reports. They do not appear to have been preserved before the spring of '94. I should be glad to learn the whereabouts of any that were made out before that time. Even those sets which we have are not complete. Reports are missing from these chapters :

Spring, '94—Alpha, Tau, Psi.

Fall, '94—Omega.

Spring, '95—Omega.

Fall, '95—Alpha, Eta, Omega, Alpha Gamma.

Spring, '96—Eta.

Fall, '96—Iota, Kappa, Mu, Tau, Upsilon, Phi, Chi.

Spring, '97—Iota, Tau, Phi.

Fall, '97—Alpha, Beta, Delta, Epsilon, Kappa, Mu, Tau, Omega, Alpha Gamma, Alpha Epsilon.

In regard to this last statement, let me explain that there may have been some lost owing to the change in my name and home. But I know that only these were received during the first week of December, and I know also that Miss Brown had a similar experience, for she was obliged to write to fully half the chapters before she secured the statistics necessary for the annual assessment. I hope to receive the missing reports with the new ones which are to be sent out the first week in May. Please bear in mind that copies of these reports are to be sent to every college and alumnae chapter and to every member of the Grand Council. Believing as I do, that the Journal is essentially a means of communication between the chapters and the chapters and the Grand Council, I take this occasion to emphasize the necessity of care and business-like methods in this and other particulars.

A word more as to the new reports. After consulting with the Grand Council, and receiving helpful suggestions from

Omega, Tau, Eta and Upsilon, I arranged the new form of reports which will be in your hands the last week in April. The success of the new form depends upon the conscientiousness with which the reports are made out. They are strictly private, being merely an exchange of confidence between sisters. That we may be mutually improving and mutually inspiring, full and truthful answers must be given.

The Committee on Fraternity Education at present consists of Alpha and Alpha Beta chapters. The report of this committee, in the form of an examination upon the history, policy and constitution of the fraternity, will be in the hands of the chapters by May first we hope.

On the 20th of March the Committee on Charters completed its work and was discharged. We wish to express to the committee our appreciation of their careful and conscientious work. It is hard for the chapters to comprehend the labor which this committee has had—it was hard for me to comprehend it before I began to assume a little of it toward the last.

A question has lately come up which may be of interest to others. It was this: "Is the loaning of the small stick-pin, made after the pattern of the fraternity pin, as unconstitutional as the loaning of the real badge?" The stick-pin referred to has never been officially recognized and should never have been made, but since it is in existence and since it bears the proportions and features of our badge, I consider it subject to the same law that governs the fraternity pin. The loaning of that pin is strictly forbidden, and I hope there is absolute truth in the statement that the Kappa Alpha Theta pin is only seen on initiated members.

It is a pleasure to announce the establishment of two new chapters, Alpha Zeta at Barnard College, New York, and Theta Alumnae in Philadelphia.

CAROLINE SARGENT WALTER.

Letter from the President of Alpha District.

DEAR SISTERS :—

All members of Kappa Alpha Theta will gladly note the addition of Barnard College to our chapter roll, and it is with much pleasure, therefore, that our district letter reports the installment of our Alpha Zeta chapter in an institution so widely and favorably known as is the Woman's Department of Columbia College.

For some time past, a petition from a local organization of young women in Barnard, has been under the consideration of the members of the Grand Council. Our Committee composed of members of Gamma Alumnae chapter, reported so favorably concerning both the institution and the petitioners for membership in Kappa Alpha Theta, that it seemed wise to grant the charter.

It then became our great pleasure to arrange for the initiation of the ten young women whose names and classes are as follows : Katherine S. Hawkins, Ada Watterson, seniors ; Aurélie M. Reynaud, Ruth C. Overton, and Elizabeth H. Maplesden, juniors ; Ida M. Demarest, Florence Lippincott, sophomores, and Elsa G. Bergen, Florence M. Sill and Adelaide C. Hoffman, freshmen.

The date of initiation was placed for March nineteenth, and delegates from Syracuse University, Woman's College of Baltimore, Swarthmore and Brown University arrived in the city Saturday, and were delightfully entertained at a luncheon given by Mrs. Maplesden at the Montauk Club in Brooklyn. Immediately after the luncheon the company proceeded to the home of Mrs. Alice Cone Best, whose gracious and kindly hospitality will be pleasantly remembered by all who were present. The installation was conducted by the Grand President, and the President of Alpha District, assisted by the members of Gamma Alumnae.

After the initiation, refreshments were served, messages of congratulation were read, and a general good time under the auspices of Kappa Alpha Theta was enjoyed by all.

At this point confession must be made, that we could not resist the cordial invitation given by Mrs. Walter to visit Wallingford and Swarthmore, so saying "Auf Wiedersehn" to our new, but already well-loved sisters in New York, Saturday night found us en route for Philadelphia, and the restful quiet of a Sunday among the Friends.

It will certainly be one of our most happy reminiscences to look back upon our first Quaker meeting, our personal acquaintance with the members of Alpha Beta, our visit with the dean, whose womanly influence and kindly ways cannot fail to be an inspiration to the young women of the college, —in short, happy environments made the day one of "rest and gladness" that will long be remembered. Monday, after lunch with Miss Clothier at her beautiful home in Wynwood, we were driven about Haverford and Bryn Mawr College grounds. At the latter institution we had an enjoyable visit with Miss Berry, a member of Iota, who is taking post graduate work there.

Wednesday found us home again, but we feel assured that we left in Barnard College a faithful and enthusiastic company of young women who will maintain the high standard and noble ideals of true American womanhood for which our fraternity stands.

With cordial good wishes for all sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

MAY ESTELLE BROWN.

ALUMNAE DEPARTMENT.

Gamma Alumnae.

Since her last letter to the Journal, Gamma Alumnae has held two meetings—one on the last Saturday of January at the residence of Mrs. Holt, and the second, February 26, at the home of Mrs. Best. The chapter has attempted no definite work this year, but our members have found no lack of interest at the meetings, at all of which we have had under discussion the important question of establishing a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta at Barnard College. When the fraternity finally decided to grant the charter asked for by Barnard students it was upon the Alumnae Chapter that the task of carrying through the initiation naturally fell.

The initiation of Alpha Zeta chapter, which took place March 19, at the home of Mrs. Best, has been the main event of the year for Gamma Alumnae so far. Many of our members had not seen an initiation for years, and to those of us who have more recently left our college chapters the event was not less interesting. In addition to members of Gamma Alumnae chapter, there were present members of Kappa Alpha Theta from Chi, Alpha Beta, Alpha Delta and Alpha Epsilon chapters. The initiation passed off most successfully, and Alpha Zeta chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta was created with a membership of ten. We feel very much pleased with this result and have bright hopes for the future of this our youngest chapter.

It may be of interest to mention the fact that this initiation was a new experience to one Kappa Alpha Theta beside the ten candidates for initiation. We had with us at that event one of the three charter members of Iota chapter, Mrs. Glücksmann left Cornell after the first year of Iota's existence there, and as Iota chapter had been initiated by

letter she had had no opportunity till now of being present at a real Theta initiation.

Greetings to all sister chapters from

GAMMA ALUMNAE.

Eta Alumnae.

It is with great pleasure that Eta Alumnae makes her bow to her Theta sisters and swells the roll of Theta's Alumnae chapters.

The graduate Thetas, resident in Burlington, number fifteen or more, and it had long been in the minds of most of us to form a union for social intercourse with each other and as a means of more closely identifying ourselves with the active chapter. No steps in the matter were taken, however, until the active chapter, one night last winter, invited us to meet at the chapter rooms for supper and to "talk things over." Then our smouldering enthusiasm burst into flame, and we lost no time in applying to the Grand Council for an alumnae charter.

To make the bond between us and the active members of Lambda as close as possible, we have decided to hold our meetings in the chapter rooms and invite the active girls to attend.

To start our kite flying with proper éclat, and to introduce ourselves to the people of Burlington and the students of the University, we will have, in place of our regular April meeting, a public lecture by Alice Freeman Palmer on "The Relation of the College Education of Women to the Home and Society."

Our members are all busy, active women, but we have all the loyalty and enthusiasm of our college days, and are sure we can make Eta Alumnae a help to the active chapter and to ourselves.

BELLE CHANDLER GATES, U. V. M., '89,
President of Eta Alumnae.

UNDERGRADUATE DEPARTMENT.

Soon, very soon, our college doors will once more close and college girls with eagerness will turn to the summer life. But Thetas who have already experienced a summer's parting from the Chapter know well that thoughts of the absent sisters come often, and with these thoughts come the desire to be of help to them. So we form great plans for work in the fall and resolve to do everything that may be needed of us. But would it not be **A Thought for Summer.** vastly better if these plans had been thought about and discussed before the college year had closed? If each girl had decided on some little work which she could do during the summer months toward strengthening the chapter in the fall? We will not have our '98 girls back to help us and guide us, and this makes it all the more necessary that we now make some definite plan for the betterment of our next year's chapter.

Many of us during vacation meet girls who contemplate going either to our college, or some other college where we are represented. The watchful eye and careful inquiry of a Theta, meeting such girls, might lessen much anxiety and prevent many mistakes in securing new members for our fraternity. Others of us who live in our college town, might be appointed a committee to arrange the social program for the first week or two of college. Still others might manage the remodeling of our rooms. There are innumerable little things which could be done in these summer months which would greatly lighten our fall work.

Most chapters may have some such summer organization—but some of us certainly haven't, and consequently return to college in September—perhaps several days late and with work already piled up for us—to find our chapter work in

hopeless confusion. If, however, we follow this suggestion in some form, we will seek our college again with a feeling of some work already well done and with more fraternity spirit to maintain the standard and emphasize the characteristics of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ALPHA GAMMA.

At the last Grand Convention the officers and delegates of Beta district discussed the advisability of a district convention or of a traveling president. Neither suggestion seemed very feasible at the time, both because of the large territory covered by the district and because there seemed to be a question whether any one would ever be willing to assume the office of traveling president. I think there is not a chapter in Beta district but what feels that there ought to be something done whereby the chapters might know each other better and help each other more.

District

Conventions.

But which is the most feasible plan cannot be easily decided. The district convention would always have a stimulating effect upon the chapter which entertains it. But in a district the size of ours it would take almost thirty years for each chapter to have the convention. Then, too, it would have a certain amount of influence upon each chapter through the medium of its delegates. It would also be a good preparation for the Grand Convention in way of suggesting amendments, etc. Though these things are good in themselves, it seems to me that there are more pressing needs. Do we not need more the personal contact of each chapter with such an one as the traveling president would be? Would there not be better results if each chapter would have the personal advice and influence of this traveling president? Would not the Grand Council be better informed as to the condition and standing not only of each chapter, but of the school wherein the chapter is located, by means of such an officer? Does not the office of traveling

president fill a long felt want and the plea for personal relationship between chapters !

We should like to see a free discussion of this question in the Journal, so we may thereby gain the opinion of our sister chapters as well as advice from those chapters that have entertained district conventions.

E. J., *Beta*.

Symmetry is a quality most desirable in all things.

I wonder how nearly each Theta's college life is symmetrical? The Y. M. C. A. have a triangular emblem which is supposed to represent three sides of life—the mental, spiritual and the physical. College life is primarily for the first, but how much does it provide for the other sides. You will find that the second is simply provided for if we will seek it, and can we afford to neglect this during this important period in our lives? Will not the habit of four years of neglect stay with us?

But I must tell you that we are making arrangements for the development of the third side in our University. Down by the lake side is a building we call "Noah's Ark" (the original no doubt), **One Side of Col-** that is respectfully called a gymnasium. **lege Life.** Previous to this year the girls were debarred from using it, but recently we invaded it and are now playing basket-ball. It is the best exercise as well as the most enjoyment one could have, and does a great deal toward making us healthy as well as wise.

Why not have a basket-ball team in each Theta chapter?

We have discussed the literary question, the social question. Why not be known also as strong women? Let every good Theta throw the basket-ball goal, swing her racket, make her wheel hum, and the mind will not run far behind, for every increment of strength, muscle and fibre will put a new particle of grey matter into each Kappa Alpha Theta's cerebrum.

B. S., *Tau*.

The ideal fraternity is one where every member has a strong affection for every other member, and where there exist congeniality among all the girls. Of course there are degrees of affection and congeniality among the different girls—such as utterly different natures would have. But this is a small item where there exists the sincere regard that one fraternity sister should feel toward another.

Now this sounds very well, but can an ideal fraternity exist? I believe it *can* and what is more *does*. The next question will probably be: "Well, how can you obtain it?" I believe the secret of it all lies in just this: "Keep your chapter *small*." This implies more than **Keep the Chapter Small.** what appears at first sight. It means that when a girl is asked to enter the fraternity, she is asked by the unanimous consent of the chapter. Yes, and more than *consent*—she is asked with enthusiasm and more—enthusiasm over something they *know* about. They must *know* the girl.

For instance—no clique should play off on another. "You consent to *our* girl and we will take yours." If there is only one girl whom every one wants, take only that one girl.

This method pursued where there is already a good foundation would bring about a strong, invincible chapter. As it is, I do not feel that the girls pull together as they ought to, or as the men's fraternities do. I feel that our girls need a stronger realization of what they owe to one another. If they do not care for each other in the beginning, this sense of duty, no matter how strong, can never make them as loyal to each other as their name Fraternity-sisters implies.

Today when jewelers are vying with each other to see who can produce the greatest number of novelties bearing the fraternity pin, we think the time has come when Kappa Alpha Theta, at least, ought to decide **Novelties in Fraternity Jewelry.** whether it approves of this popular fad. To us it seems to cheapen our fraternity badge and, although we might find anything eaten from a Theta spoon the sweeter, still it does

seem as if the kite was too precious a symbol to be thus used.

Each year where agents visit us from our official jewelers they show us newer and more tempting novelties than the year previous—and we would cry a halt. We feel that the pin should be used simply as a badge of our fraternity.

Would it not be wise, also to adopt a uniform pledge-pin. Such a pin, it seems to us, should not be in the shape of the kite but might consist of the letters K. A. Θ. linked, or arranged, in some artistic manner. In many colleges the chapter-head is used but few excepting the members of those particular chapters know what this means. One of Theta's most flourishing chapters has adopted the linked letters and finds it satisfactory in every way. It can be made of either silver or gold, and at a very trifling expense.

**Uniform
Pledge-Pin.**

Many of you who wear the kite so proudly home and who perhaps do not ever go far from your own locality, do you know what it means to meet another kite wearer in a strange land? I wish I could describe the pleasure, while in Cleveland recently, of spying out a kite amid a sea of strange faces, and how the two kites seemed to be drawn together until the wearers had met "with a trip and a hearty grip."

**The Kite
Wearers.**

There were seven of us at the convention, from Indiana, Cornell, Ohio, Baltimore and Northwestern. Although we had never seen each other's faces and may never come together again, those seven kites showed how the fame of Kappa Alpha Theta had spread through the land and that our mystic circle is one of the strongest bonds of our lives. Our pins should be worn on every occasion and they should become such a part of us that we never could forget or neglect to wear them.

A word about the Cleveland convention for those of you who did not go. From a more material standpoint, the gathering was one of rare interest, as twenty-two college students, with all their vigor and comradeship, assembled there. It was pleasant to see so many who, in the midst of the rush of college life, had taken time to consider "Thy Kingdom Come." And are you not glad that Theta kites were in that council of war against heathenism?

B. S., *Tau*.

Pi has at last realized her long cherished dream of having a lodge of her own,—and the fourth of last month she threw open her doors to welcome the many friends who came to rejoice with her in the glad "house warming." How proud we felt when we saw the cards of invitation and read "At Home at Theta Lodge";—no one but the girls, who have worked together so faithfully, can realize the world of meaning in those five little words—"At Home at Theta Lodge."

Even stormy March showed its good-will by giving us a beautiful clear evening for our reception. We were assisted in receiving by Prof. Bancroft, our preceptress; Miss E. Josephine Clark, our Latin teacher, and two of our town friends, Mrs. W. P. Davis and Mrs. Washington Gardner, who acted as patronesses. Eight of our gentleman friends ushered for us. The reception rooms, decorated in palms and ferns with the mantle banked in primroses, looked like a fairy dell, and the effect was heightened by mysterious music which seemed to come from the depths of a fern bank, but was really only a music box hidden away under the foliage. In the dining-room, which was decorated in yellow roses and asparagus tanunaumus, one of our girls presided at the punch bowl with two pledglings to assist in dispensing sherbet and lady-fingers. Much to our disappointment our decorator was unable to obtain pansies for dining-room favors, so we used carnations.

Although our invitation list was very large, the lodge is so

nicely arranged for entertaining that we were able to handle the crowd easily. Many were the pretty and useful gifts which came pouring in from kind friends, and they help us so much in making our lodge the dear familiar cosy home which we are striving to make it.

The next day Pi gave a luncheon to her visiting alumnae and pledged girls. About thirty daughters of Pi gathered at this, her first banquet held at her "ain fire-side";—the most joyful occasion since the granting of her charter,—and it was a jolly Theta time that we had that day, twenty-five of us who had ridden the same prancing "William the Conqueror", and five innocent victims who were yet to learn the terrors of that midnight ride. We lived again the good times of Theta's past and looked confidently on into the path before her, which gleamed bright and clear in the steady light from our lodge windows. But the present was not forgotten and we did ample justice to the good things set before us. Miss Mary Garfield, '94, was toastmistress, and the following toasts were ably responded to:—

Our Charter Members.....Mrs. Keenan, '89.

"In '87 we had our birth,

In '98 we own the earth."

In Reminiscent Mood.....Zulu Fast, '96.

"A Tale of the early days,

Of things as they used to be."

Our Lodge.....Marian Hanlon, '00.

"Blow high, blow low, not all its snow

Could quench our hearth-fire's ruddy glow."

Twin Stars.....Gertrude Strickland, '00.

"Sweet promptings unto kindest deeds."

Our Pansy Buds.....Ada Rogers, '01.

"Then there's pansies, they're for thoughts."

After a rousing Theta song, we arose from the tables just in time to hear the pretty new clock on the mantle chime 3:30. It had been truly a Theta revival;—slumbering love had been awakened, weak love strengthened, and new love planted in young hearts to grow, and flourish, and bring forth fruit in due season. And we all went away with peace and good will in our hearts and the conviction that it is good indeed to be a Theta.

EMMA R. OSBORNE, '00.

CHAPTER LETTERS.

The date upon which the next chapter letter should be sent out is October 5.

Please write on one side only of the paper, and put the personals on separate sheet headed only by the name of the chapter. Any personal communication to the editor should also be written on a separate sheet.

Please note the way the chapter letters are headed and always arrange them in the same way, putting nothing at the head but the names of the chapter and the university.

Alpha District.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 9; number of active members, 21; seniors, 9; juniors, 5; sophomores, 2; freshmen, 4; special, 1.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Elva Hulburd Young Springfield, Mass.
Emma Blanche Macleod Great Barrington, Mass.
Jean Cecile McGrath 410 South Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mary Frances McClure 1626 Green St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Alice Lovejoy Dickinson 1742 Sherman Av., Denver, Colo.
Jane D. Cavarly 1992 Fell St., San Francisco, Cal.
Elizabeth Calder Dobbin Fairport, Monroe County, N. Y.

Number of faculty in the university, 220; number of students, 1790. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Alpha Phi, 22; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 21. Men's Fraternities: Zeta Psi, Chi Phi, Kappa Alpha, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Kappa Psi, Chi Psi, Delta Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Phi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Phi, Sigma Chi, Delta Chi, Delta Phi, Kappa Sigma, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

CHAPTER LETTER.

During these first weeks of the new term Iota has been entertaining or helping to entertain numerous guests, who have after months or years of absence from college decided that after all next to home there is no place like Cornell to spend a short vacation. Among the visitors whom Iota has been particularly glad to see were Estella Vædder and Elizabeth Carss. The list of teas and spreads, of walks and talks would seem tame enough in the reading, but to us who were in them all and a part of them all, they meant much pleasure. One day the sun even condescended to shine so long and brightly that four of us gave a little porch tea, to our own girls and some others.

We have been trying the plan which I see several of the other chapters have also adopted, that of having a committee appointed each week to take charge of the entertainment part of chapter meeting. We have found that the plan works very well. We try to make the entertainment nothing elaborate but something that we all can enter into.

Last Saturday night the Dramatic Club gave the play, "Between the Acts" in which three of our girls took part.

In Florence, Italy, there has lately been quite a Theta reunion. One of our Freshmen of last year, Nannine La Villa is now living there and Vena Fenno of Mu, whom Iota claims as partly her own, spent two months there. Then Clara Schouton and Clara Kerr were also in Florence for two weeks. The last two had never known Miss La Villa before but they all found enough common interests to insure their having good times together.

Both Mrs. Comstock and Mrs. Prentiss have returned to Ithaca after a winter spent away from us.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 15; number of active members, 19; seniors, 5; juniors, 5; sophomores, 6; freshmen, 3.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates :

Florence E. Nelson	118 Pearl St., Burlington, Vt.
Helen M. Ferguson	North Union St., Burlington, Vt.
Josephine A. Marshall	St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Katharine Parker	Bradford, Vt.

Number of faculty in the university, 20; number of students, 297.
 Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 19; Delta Delta Delta, 16. Men's fraternities: Delta Psi, Sigma Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Lambda Iota (local), Kappa Sigma, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu.

CHAPTER LETTER.

I am sure you all rejoice, with us, that we have an Alumnae Chapter established and in good, working condition. We are much pleased that this long desired result has been accomplished and we are confident the chapter will be of great benefit in stimulating us to more enthusiastic work and improvements and in giving us advice which is always helpful, because of the experience of the members. The new chapter showed their hospitality and sisterly feeling by, at once, extending to the active members, an invitation which we accepted and they served us a fine tea and gave us a musical and literary programme.

Miss Brownell, 1900, invited us to her home in Essex Junction last month and there we spent a delightful evening.

President Buckham and the faculty gave the students a reception in Billings Library the fourteenth of March, at which Margaret Healey, '00, read.

Miss Stanhope, '00, represented the University Y. W. C. A. at the great convention of Student Volunteers at Cleveland.

We are sorry to lose, for the rest of this year, our Freshman sister Adelaide Marshall. Miss Marshall was obliged, because of illness, to go home for the remainder of the year, but she will be with us another fall.

This year has seemed an unusually short one and we can hardly realize that the robins have returned, the snow almost gone, and that our next journal will begin a new year's work. We hope always for better and better results in our

fraternity life, but in looking back over the past year, the regrets are few and only pleasant recollections can be had of the months Lambda has spent together and we are sure it is so with all the rest of you, to whom we wish much success and send most sincere good wishes for happy and prosperous years.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 8; number of active members, 14; seniors, 4; juniors, 2; sophomores, 6; freshmen, 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Ruth Fenner	Jamestown, N. Y.
Edith Griswold	Kinsman, O.
Marrian Stark	Mansfield, O.

Number of faculty in the university, 18; number of students, 375. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 14; Alpha Chi Omega, 18. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon.

CHAPTER LETTER.

This is vacation week. All our books are laid aside and we are thoroughly enjoying ourselves visiting at home. It was with a start that we remembered to-day the dreadful task of writing this letter, and we are afraid that the letter will suffer from the haste which we must make.

Our last term was satisfactory in every respect. Socially we made few attempts, but those attempts were very successful. The evening spent at Marguerite Hempstead's, in company with our Kappa Kappa Gamma and Alpha Chi Omega sisters, was one of the most pleasant in our remembrance. We entertained by giving the operetta, "Il Jacobi, The Millionaire Bootblack." Refreshments were served. Then we ascended to the third floor and danced to the music of a comb orchestra. We repeated the operetta the next week, inviting in our alumnae and the members of the faculty who reside in the hall.

Emma Edson, '00, entertained for us once, and Alice Crittenden, an alumna, entertained twice, with our chafing-dishes.

Intellectually we are flourishing. Our girls have been leading in their classes this last term, and expect to lead next term.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 11; number of active members, 28; seniors, 6; juniors, 4; sophomores, 9; freshmen, 9.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Lulu A. Huntington	Mexico, N. Y.
Grace Adams	Syracuse, N. Y.
Elizabeth Burrows	Binghamton, N. Y.
Irene Burrows	Binghamton, N. Y.
Helena Evans	Rome, N. Y.
Janet Harris	Syracuse, N. Y.
Ida M. Hopkins	Fayetteville, N. Y.
Olivia Pratt	Syracuse, N. Y.
Persis J. Nearing	Middletown, N. Y.
Floy Thomas	Moravia, N. Y.

Number of faculty in the university, 108; number of students, 1,200. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Alpha Phi, 29; Gamma Phi Beta, 40; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 24; Pi Beta Phi, 21; Delta Delta Delta, 18; Kappa Alpha Theta, 28. Men's fraternities: Psi Upsilon, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Theta, Beta Theta Pi.

CHAPTER LETTER.

We have recently been made happy by sharing with two others our fraternity life and entering them into the full joys of Kappa Alpha Theta, Lulu Huntington, '00, and Ida Hopkins, '01, have taken their places with us in the Theta world.

Our prospects for '02 are greatly brightened by the decision of two charming girls, Miss Marie Tucker, of Buffalo, N. Y., and Miss Susie Canon, of Binghamton, N. Y., to make Kappa Alpha Theta their fraternity choice.

Chi was represented at the installation of our Barnard

chapter by our two sisters, May E. Brown, '93, and Iva L. Lowther, '99, who returned to us with an enthusiastic account of the baby chapter, Alpha Zeta, and of the delightful hospitality of Gamma Alumnae. We extend a welcome to our new chapter and congratulate them in gaining a place where they will have the encouragement and support of experienced Thetas.

Our Kappa Alpha Theta Musical Club gave a very enjoyable concert on the evening of March 31st in one of the city churches. A large and appreciative audience showed that the event was truly successful.

In March the ladies of the Faculty entertained the young women of the University at a very artistic tea given in the parlors of the gymnasium building. After an introductory talk by Mrs. J. R. Commons, a Woman's League was formed for the purpose of uniting the college girls in their many interests, and of deriving common social benefit.

Mrs. Dr. Whedon has extended an invitation to the entire chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta to be present at a resumé of "Faust" to be given at her home on West Onondaga St., by Mrs. Ellen M. Mitchel.

April 1st the members of the electrical engineering course, with fitting ceremonies, broke the ground for our new Science Hall, which is to be erected before the opening of another college year. The students who enter the halls of the university next fall may expect to see a new building on the campus, which will add materially to the working power of the university.

Already we are planning a most delightful camping expedition at Mexico Point for the two closing weeks in June. It has been a custom of two years standing in the chapter to reassemble at the close of the long college year on this pleasant shore of Lake Ontario and, in a truly Theta manner, to enjoy a complete reaction from the routine of college life.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 2; number of active members, 16; seniors, 2; juniors, 3; sophomores, 7; freshmen, 4.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Elizabeth Eames Willets	Glen Cove, Long Island
Susan E. Atkinson	Earlington, Kentucky
Caroline Farren Comly	3311 Arch St., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mary W. Lippencott	Riverton, New Jersey
Caroline L. Hawke	Piedmont, Alabama
Mary B. Hawke	Piedmont, Alabama

Number of faculty in the university, 14; number of students, 162. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Pi Beta Phi, 11; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 12; Kappa Alpha Theta, 16. Men's fraternities: Delta Upsilon, Kappa Sigma, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Nu Epsilon.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The spring days are going fast, bringing June and the holidays in their train and reminding Alpha Beta girls that their summer parting will soon come. We will be glad of the rest, but we have such good times together that the holidays and separation will not bring unalloyed pleasure. However, we will have those glorious two weeks during the summer to anticipate when Alpha Beta gathers together in some country home for a grand good time.

Since our last letter we have had an unexpected and charming visit from Miss Brown, our district President. She spent one Sunday with us after the installation of the new chapter at Barnard College and she gave us lots of fraternity news.

On the 9th of April the girls of Swarthmore held their annual reunion called Somerville Day,—Somerville being our Literary Society composed of both alumni and students. Its President this year is Eva E. Foster, our delegate to the Convention, and on this day she presided in a manner worthy of Kappa Alpha Theta. About two hundred Alumni of the College were present and we felt proud of our representation.

Three of the five members of the Sophomore team in the Sophomore—Freshman Oratorical Contest this spring were Thetas. And now our latest good news is the addition of two new girls to our chapter, Caroline and Mary Hawke, two fine, strong Freshmen. They were initiated at the home of our Grand President in Wallingford, which is near the college. This made the initiation doubly precious and memorable to us all.

Alice Lippincott, a Theta Junior, has left college to go to California for a two month's trip. We shall miss her exceedingly, but are very glad for her pleasure. She expects to make up her work during the summer and return in the fall ready for her Senior work.

The next letter will usher in a new college year with its own work and pleasures.

This year has been marked by an added enthusiasm, good hard work and loyal devotion to our own Kappa Alpha Theta Fraternity.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 6; number of active members, 15; seniors, 1; juniors, 4; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 5; special, 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Harriet Stone Baker 1405 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md.
 Mary Young Stevenson 110 South Third St., Columbia, Pa.
 Lillian May Arthur 84 Waterville St., Waterbury, Conn.
 Alice Josephine Dinger 517 Larimer Av., Pittsburg, E. E., Pa.
 Ethel Counselman Sharp 1236 Lafayette St., Baltimore, Md.
 Ethel Hendrickson 236 Carey St., Baltimore, Md.
 Virginia Baker Norris 2500 Charles St., Baltimore, Md.

Number of faculty in the university, 29; number of students, 257.
 Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Alpha Phi, 16; Gamma Phi Beta, 12; Delta Gamma, 7; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Tau Kappa Pi (local), 19; Kappa Alpha Theta, 15.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Is it not a truly ironic fate that places a former unsuspecting critic of chapter correspondents in the ranks of "Les

Miserables" themselves. The awe of the uninitiated is no adequate description of the writer's frame of mind. But Alpha Delta herself will prove a more profitable topic.

In February our chapter was entertained at the beautiful home of Ethel Sharp, 1901. An elegant dinner was followed by an informal and delightful dance.

Again we have had the joy of realizing afresh the beauty and strength of Theta in initiating a new member, Harriet Stone Baker, '98. We may best introduce her as one whom all Thetas will be glad to welcome as a sister. Initiation took place in our rooms on the afternoon of March the twenty-fifth, and was followed by a delicious spread. We were greatly delighted in having with us at that time, Mary E. Brownell of Alpha Beta. Our second anniversary occurs on May the fifteenth. We are planning to celebrate it by a birthday party to be given on the evening of the thirteenth when "A Bachelor's Dream" will be presented. We feel that these two short years have meant development to us and we hope that most of all it has been along the line of true fraternity spirit.

Alpha Delta wishes for all the circles of Theta sisters a jolly vacation and a joyful reunion.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 3; number of active members, 23; seniors, 7; juniors, 8; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 4.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Mabel I. Cobb	28 Peck St., Attleboro, Mass.
Helena S. Stewart	30 Congdon St., Providence, R. I.
Ethel G. Westcott	66 Wood St., Providence, R. I.
Martha W. Watt	207 Atlantic Av., Providence, R. I.
Ruth Appleton	209 Angell St., Providence, R. I.
Adelaide K. Burton	85 Waterman St., Providence, R. I.
Mabel J. Bowe	East Avenue, Providence, R. I.
Saida N. Hallet	283 George St., Providence, R. I.

Number of faculty in the university, 86; number of students, 860. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta,

23; Alpha Beta (local), —; Delta Sigma (local) —. Men's fraternities: Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Psi Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Upsilon, Chi Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma, Phi Beta Kappa.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Since our last letter, Alpha Epsilon has been enriched by six new members. Not new now; they seem to have belonged to us always, they are already so thoroughly Theta. I want to introduce them to all our far-away sisters. Mabel Ingraham Cobb and Helena Russell Stewart, 1900, and Ruth Appleton, Mabel Jennie Bowe, Adelaide Kimball Burton, and Saida Newton Hallett, 1901.

Our reception, given February 22, was among the most important affairs of this year in the woman's college at Brown, and the men who, of course, are the best judges of such things, pronounced it and Kappa Alpha Theta, to be "all right."

Just now we are rejoicing over the new chapter at Barnard College, because we are near enough to be neighbors. Two of our girls, Martha Briggs and Ida Waite, assisted at the initiation and brought home a most pleasant account of their visit and of the girls.

We have been trying this winter a new arrangement concerning our meetings and we find it so successful that perhaps you might like know about it. Every week the kind of a meeting is changed, so that each month we have one business meeting, one evening social, one devoted to current literature and discussion of current topics, and lastly, a spread at which business and frolic are usually combined. Thus the fraternity life of Alpha Epsilon has had a most active, happy, and profitable winter.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 0; number of active members, 11; seniors, 2; juniors, 5; sophomores, 2; freshmen 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates :

Ruth C. Overton	281	Clermont Av., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Elizabeth Hoffman Maplesden	881	Union St., Brooklyn, N. Y.
Ida May Demarest	70	Monticello Av., Jersey City, N. J.
Katharine Stockton Hawkins	52	Lafayette Av., New Brighton, S. I.
Florence Lippincott	65	West Eighty-third St., New York City, N. Y.
Adelaide C. Hoffman	354	Henry St., Brooklyn N. Y.
Florence M. Sill	232	West Forty-fifth St., New York City, N. Y.
Ada Watterson	153	West Eighty-fourth St., New York City, N. Y.
Elsa G. Bergen	135	Garfield Place, Brooklyn, N. Y.
Annie L. Seward	48	Hawthorne Av., East Orange, N. J.
Aur�lie M. Reynaud		"Fleetwood," Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Number of faculty in the university, 311 ; number of students, 248. Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 11 ; Alpha Omicron Pi, 11. Men's fraternities : Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Kappa Psi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Delta Phi, Delta Psi, Phi Gamma Delta, Zeta Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Epsilon, Sigma Chi, Phi Beta Kappa.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Alpha Zeta sends greetings to all her sister chapters. To publicly express her appreciation of the true-hearted welcome she has received on all sides, is her greatest pleasure. So long as Alpha Zeta remembers her experience of the past ten days she cannot feel any of the old-fashioned terror of telegrams. A host of yellow missives has brought congratulations and good wishes from all parts of our broad land. The special recognition from Iota, Alpha Delta, Tau, Upsilon, and Alpha Alumn , was very delightful to us. Again Alpha Zeta feels keenly the honor that was done her by the presence of so many Thetas, on the day of her installation.

The history of our chapter is so short and uneventful that we will try to give it in full. Monday, March 21, saw the first appearance of a band of Thetas in the halls of Barnard. You may be sure that our black and gold badges did not fail to attract due attention. Indeed, it was quite amusing to pass a group of uninitiated in the hall and hear a whispered "she has one of the new pins, too." In fact, Thetas with due consideration for the feelings of classmates, were led to

assume, during college hours, an absorbed, dreamy look so as to appear quite unconscious of the numerous pairs of eyes critically examining the kite. The novelty has, however, now worn off and Alpha Zeta has taken her place among the recognized forces in the college life.

The chapter is still very busy getting things in running order. Of course, little could be done in the way of fun anent organization before our formal recognition as a chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta had taken place. Since the momentous day of our initiation we have been very busy. The room we have been occupying this year in Milbank Hall is in a fair way to become a cosy little corner. How long we shall retain it, however, what permanent arrangements we shall make, has not yet been decided. In fact, the question of a home is one of our problems. We have received within the last few days several delightful visits here at college, which have enabled us to become better acquainted with some of the Thetas we met on the fateful day in March. Indeed, our whole history thus far has been an attempt to become acquainted with people and things that you know all about, and that we find most desirable to know.

Beta District.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 21; number of active members, 26; seniors, 5; juniors, 6; sophomores, 8; freshmen, 7.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Nora Servinghans	318 Vine St., Evansville, Ind.
Grace Mikels	Kentland, Ind.
Florence Newby	Knightstown, Ind.
Mary Stewart	4519 Page Av., St. Louis, Mo.
Mary Lane	Greencastle, Ind.
Celia E. Neal	LaGrange, Ind.
Luella S. McWhirter	2312 College Av., Indianapolis, Ind.
Dorothy Howe	53 Manchester Av., Wabash, Ind.
Elizabeth Town	Greencastle, Ind.

Number of faculty in the university, 35 ; number of students, 700. Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Kappa Alpha Theta, 26 ; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 18 ; Alpha Phi, 25 ; Alpha Chi Omega (music), Phi Mu Epsilon (music), 18. Men's fraternities : Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Delta Upsilon, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Delta Tau Delta, Theta Nu Epsilon.

CHAPTER LETTER.

With the first hint of spring, the first crocus or dainty leaf of the willow branch, come the first thoughts of the home-going in June ; and with the pleasure of the anticipation comes the feeling, almost of fear, when we realize that home going means separation. We will be back next year, perhaps, but what of this year ? Have we made the most of our fraternity life, held our ideals constantly before us, and enjoyed fully the association with our sisters ? Alpha already looks forward to the coming year with the expectancy of one who has done well in the past, but never for one moment stops in her advancement. It has been a helpful, instructive year and though we're "aye to learn sae lang as we live," we believe that Theta is forever a part of our lives. Since our last Journal, the life of our chapter has been very quiet. We have since that time received from several members of Indiana Alpha of Phi Kappa Psi, a beautiful mahogany music cabinet for our home, with the monogram of Kappa Alpha Theta on its polished door, evidence of the thoughtfulness of the donors.

During the year our entertainment at fraternity meetings has been furnished either by individuals or by some specially appointed committee. Just now it is in charge of the different classes and the little friendly rivalry brings out most unexpected talent.

There is in DePauw an old institution of which past letters may have spoken, called the Panthygaterian. At a stated time all girls in the University, robed in costumes representing characters of the past and present, of reality and imagination, meet on one common ground and enjoy "eats" pro-

vided by the Dorm. girls and a program shared by all. Last Friday was the time of this year's Panthyg. and there was on exhibition that night, among other curiosities, the machine called a chronothonotoletron. As the inventor explained, after much careful work she had perfected a machine by means of which departed spirits could be called up at the request of members of the audience. And truly, the turning of the well oiled crank of the great machine seemed to have a wonderful effect, for Helen of Troy, Samantha Allen, Martha Washington and others appeared looking so natural it was hard to believe they were our own Theta girls.

May the bright aspects of Alpha for the coming year be only a repetition of those of all our chapters, and Theta be always as now first in the hearts of all her girls.

BETA—INDIANA STATE UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 0; number of active members, 27; seniors, 9; juniors, 9; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 3; special, 1.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates:

Alta Brunt	Anderson, Ind.
Susie Howe . Cor. New Jersey and St. Mary's Sts., Indianapolis, Ind.	
Helen Benbridge	213 North Seventh St., Terre Haute, Ind.
Elizabeth Parker	903 South Sixth St., Terre Haute, Ind.
Stella Marshall	South Fifth St., Terre Haute, Ind.

Number of faculty in the university, 59; number of students, 1,030. Women's fraternities and number in Chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 19; Pi Beta Phi, 18; Kappa Alpha Theta, 27. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Nu.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Not much has happened to Beta in the interval between the last letter and this;—but lots of things are going to happen—they always do in the spring, interesting things that you can't write about in chapter letters, and then some you can. There will be picnics, and hunts for the arbutus which grows here about, and there will be the annual Panthygatric

to which the girls of all fraternities go in masquerade costume, and where they enjoy the evening as only girls can when they are "just among themselves."

What has occurred has been just of the ordinary.

There has been a lot of hard study, please don't forget that, and a sprinkle of fun.

Of the latter was our regular "Open Meeting" which was like all others in that it was a mountain to look forward to but a good comforting success in the realization.

The chapter house progresses finely. We've had our yard sodded—think of it! That may not mean much to you but it helps our looks wonderfully and we have really a most charming little home now.

We have just cleaned house too, and you know what a task that is. And now we are back from the Easter vacation with new gowns and new hats and we are ready to begin to enjoy living. But the gowns and hats are not the only things that are new.

We hope there is a little new ambition, a little of the fresh new life of the year, and a little of the resolve to keep Theta always worthy of herself and ourselves always worthy of her.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 4; number of active members, 8; seniors, 1; juniors, 4; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Lulu Plant	609 West University Av., Champaign, Ill.
Josephine Green	Ramsey, Ill.
Ella Mather	310 Nicholson St., Joliet, Ill.
Lydia Mather	310 Nicholson St., Joliet, Ill.
Mary Davis	Green St., Urbana, Ill.
Louise Beasley	Salt Lake City, Utah
Nelle Trevett	Elm St., Champaign, Ill.

Number of faculty in the university, 210; number of students, 1,600. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Pi Beta Phi, 10; Kappa Alpha Theta, 8. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta, Alpha Tau Omega.

CHAPTER LETTER.

After having read and reread the advice to chapter correspondents, fear comes upon me at this first attempt to send Delta's greetings to her sisters.

Just now we are in the midst of an excitement which brings both pleasure and pain. Marian Wright is to be married on the twenty-first of April to Mr. Charles Lewis. As the bride-elect lives in our University town, the Thetas are taking an active interest in the affair, and are planning a linen-shower for her. As Marian will no longer make her home with us, we cannot help the feeling of sorrow, for though not in the University this year, she has been a great help to Delta.

Before the Journal comes again, another pledgling will have become a full fledged Theta. For on April seventh, we will initiate Nell Trevett into our mystic circle.

Recently, the French club of the University gave a little play, "Bourgeois Gentleman." Ruth Raymond took the part of Lucile, and acted it so skillfully that our hearts throbbed with pride.

We feel that Illinois has cause for congratulating herself, at the decision of our president to remain with us. Dr. Draper was asked to become superintendent of the New York public schools, but refused the offer, to the joy of Illinois.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 16; number of active members, 15; seniors, 3; juniors, 3; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 5; graduate, 1; special, 1.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Irene Flattery	College Av., Wooster, O.
Ruth Thompson	Hoover Cottage, Wooster, O.
Grace Thompson	Hoover Cottage, Wooster, O.
Josephine Taylor	North Market St., Wooster, O.
Belle Lean	103 West Fourth St., Canton, O.
Elizabeth Cathcart	Newburg, N. Y.
Esther Hemphill	South Charleston, O.

Number of faculty in the University, 25 ; number of students, 800. Women's fraternities and number in chapter : Kappa Kappa Gamma, 21 ; Kappa Alpha Theta, 21. Men's fraternities : Phi Gamma Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Alpha Tau Omega, Phi Delta Theta.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The winter term has closed and many of Epsilon's girls have left the city for their various homes, yet a goodly number of Thetas live in the city and so it is not so lonesome for those that are left as it might be.

Since the last letter we initiated one of our pledged girls and pledged the two maids that were introduced to the Theta world in the March Journal. After the ceremony we had a spread and a jolly time, as only a congenial crowd of college girls can have. We expect all the girls back next term and hope to have as happy a time as we have had during the preceeding terms.

Epsilon wishes for all her sisters a prosperous term and a glorious ending of the year, another bright epoch in the history of Kappa Alpha Theta.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

On Saturday night, April 3d, we held our second initiation for this year. We are now proud to introduce to you Gina Smith from Detroit, and Mabel Davidson from Joliet, Ill., who are wearing the kite for the first time. Our initiation was particularly enjoyed because we had with us five of the Alumnæ girls, who came to attend the Classical Conference and Schoolmaster's Club. The Michigan Scientific Association also met here, and it has been a great pleasure to hear and see the noted thinkers and scholars from different parts of the country.

Edna Paddock has visited us for a week during her spring vacation. Winifred Craine and Myra Post were also here attending the Schoolmaster's Club, and Susie Patterson and Bertha Hall came on for our initiation. The little reunion was thoroughly enjoyed and it was with great regret that we once more said goodbye.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 17; number of active members, 15; seniors, 0; juniors, 6; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 3; graduate, 1; special, 2; graduates from other chapters, 3.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Emma Barteldes	Lawrence, Kansas
Edna Williams	Ottawa, Kansas
Jane Thomas	Emporia, Kansas
May Sexton	Minneapolis, Kansas
Lou Havens	Minneapolis, Kansas
Louise Fanger	Gerard, Kansas
Agnes Lee	Brownell Place, Kansas City, Mo.
Daisy Dixon	Lawrence, Kansas

Number of faculty in the university, 52; number of students, 972. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 15; Pi Beta Phi, 17. Men's fraternities: Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi.

CHAPTER LETTER.

It is with gladness that we again greet you, dear sisters—joy not unmarred with sorrow, however, for we realize this is our last letter this year. Next year some of our girls will not be with us, and you will perhaps have lost some also. We enjoy your messages to us very much especially now that the Journal comes oftener.

We have had an exciting time since we last wrote. On March twenty-second the power house of the University burned down and simultaneously, that is, some time the same night, a cold wave set in. Think of us! The Council declared two weeks vacation as none of the buildings are heated independently of the power house. What a skirmish there was when the announcement was posted down town on the bulletin boards! In a short time six of our girls were off to their respective homes, while we were left here in the city to enjoy ourselves and wish that the girls could have spent their holiday here with us. The vacation ended April fifth and

we were together for the last quarter's work. We resumed our interrupted plans for an Anniversary Banquet. It is to be a reunion of all Thetas of Kappa chapter and is anticipated with pleasure not only by us active members who wish to get in closer touch with our older sisters but also by the resident inactive Thetas of whom there are twenty-two in the city including Mrs. Hodder of Iota, Mrs. Leonard of Lambda, and Miss Brewer of Delta. Everyone has a great interest in this and we mean it to be a closer joining of Theta hearts in Theta love. In our hearts will be, as always, thoughts of our Theta sisters everywhere.

We expect to initiate, before the banquet, Erma Pritchard, pledged in February. She is our only pledgling and we are anxious to draw her into our circle.

Now, sisters, loyal and true, Kappa sends to you each and every one a spring greeting, and extends best wishes for a successful struggle with spring "finals" and for a happy and beneficial summer holiday—"till we meet again."

NU—HANOVER COLLEGE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 6; number of active members, 9; seniors, 3; juniors, 0; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 4; graduate, 1.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Nettie Florence Clemmons	Hanover, Ind.
Mary Parker Singleton	Hanover, Ind.
Jessie Margaret Stewart	College Corner, Ohio
Florence Thompson	Cherokee, Iowa

Number of faculty in the university, 8; number of students, 165. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 9. Men's fraternities: Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Delta Theta.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The time has come for the last letter of the year, and it is with a feeling of sadness that we think of the changes which will occur before another letter. Every chapter will probably lose some of its girls, but we can look forward to the time for rushing new girls. Our chapter has been very

fortunate in that we have lost none of our girls since commencement in 1896. But this year three of our number will receive their diplomas and "haste away from the treasured halls where we so many happy hours have spent." They are Mayme Brewer and Jessie Young, who will receive the degree of Bachelor of Science, and Agnes Giboney, who will take her A. B.

We have noticed with a great deal of interest the discussion in the Journal in regard to literary work in our meetings. Perhaps all of us are prepared to agree that if we do nothing at the regular fraternity meeting but "have a good time," we have accomplished very little and probably have gained nothing which the fraternity is intended to give us. And yet should not this one night in the week be a time when we can put aside our cares and worries of college life and have recreation of some sort, and this may come from a change of some sort, from the duties which we are called upon to perform at other times. Probably all Thetas are not situated as we of Nu. All our girls belong to strictly literary societies, in which we are compelled to take the part assigned us on a literary program. Thus we get, outside of the fraternity meeting, the training along the lines which many chapters suggest should be considered in fraternity meetings. Perhaps some one will get a wrong impression of what we do. Only Theta girls can appreciate such meetings. Our time is not spent in idleness, as we generally have a discussion on some phase of fraternity life. Even during our spreads—which are not infrequent—we carry on these discussions. Of course our own fraternity is pre-eminent in these, and we feel repaid for we have learned a great deal about Kappa Alpha Theta.

We are very sorry to lose Glendora Ramsey, '93, who has been teaching in Hanover this year. She has gone to Terre Haute to take a special course in the Normal School. The evening before she left, the Beta Theta Pi fraternity gave an informal dance in their new hall, to which a number of Thetas were invited.

With best wishes for a pleasant vacation to all Thetas.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 6; number of active members, 13; seniors, 3; juniors, 3; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 2; graduate, 3.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Ethel Cooper	Grass Lake, Mich.
Carrol Childs	Lennox, Iowa
Hattie A. Dalrymple	Albion, Mich.

Number of faculty in the college, 27; number of students, 325. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Alpha Chi Omega, 13; Delta Gamma, 13; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13. Men's fraternities: Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Chi, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Nu.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Pi's lodge—what a blessing it has already proven itself to be! For not only has it, of late, been the scene of many happy times, but it also has furnished material for many a chapter letter which otherwise might have been devoid of anything of interest. Not even yet has it outlived its usefulness, but will be the subject of a "write up", which will appear elsewhere. However, we promise our sisters that this is the last time they shall hear of this subject.

But you girls must bear with us, for, indeed, it is very dear to our hearts, and it seems so good to have a lodge all our very own, that we think everyone else must be as interested in it as we are. When the debt is all paid off, we shall feel perfectly happy. We are now planning all kinds of schemes for raising money. Last month, we were fortunate enough to procure the services of Prof. Jno. B. De Matte, whose lectures are so well known all over the United States. The fact that Professor De Matte had already twice appeared before Albion audiences, helped us greatly in selling tickets, so that when we came to "settle up", we found that notwithstanding our expenses were over one hundred thirty dollars, yet we cleared over fifty dollars. After the lecture, all the girls met Professor De Matte, whose wife is a loyal Theta, and so he too feels like a "sister in the bond".

We entered upon this new term right royally by giving over to Billy one of our pledglings, Harriet Dalrymple, who having survived the encounter, now wears the kite, and we are proud to tell you that she is a most — (enthusiastic) champion of Theta. One of our "old girls", Bertha Potter, ex-'98, visited us the first of the term and was present at the initiation.

Minnie Thompson, '96, of Chicago, came today for a flying visit, and we have tea together in our lodge tonight.

Best love to all Thetas.

RHO—UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 8; number of active members, 17; seniors, 2; juniors, 6; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 2; special, 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Mary Towne	2523 Farnam St., Omaha, Neb.
Frances Cunningham	Seventeenth and G St., Lincoln, Neb.
Selma Wiggenhorn	Ashland, Neb.
Ella Harper	Fifteenth and G St., Lincoln, Neb.
Winifred Hill	Cor. Eighteenth and L St., Lincoln, Neb.
Ruth Wilson	Hastings, Neb.

Number of faculty in the university, 54; number of students, 1,901. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 18; Pi Beta Phi, 17; Delta Delta Delta, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Kappa Sigma, Delta Tau Delta, Alpha Theta Chi, Alpha Tau Omega.

CHAPTER LETTER.

On February 11th, when Kappa and Tau were also partaking of similar festivities, Rho chapter initiated Winifred Hill, and held their annual birthday banquet. We tried, with marked success, a plan new to us, of initiating in the afternoon and holding our banquet at six o'clock. The ceremony seemed unusually beautiful and impressive. At its conclusion we went to the house of Emily Weeks where our banquet was waiting. It will be remembered by Rho Thetas

as a gathering thoroughly satisfying in every way, wit for the mind, fraternity love for the soul and food for the inner man. The tables were arranged in the shape of a cross and decorated with ferns and jonquils. A scheme of yellow was followed out in the dishes served as well as the decorations.

Toastmistress	Miss Loomis.
Our Kittens	Miss Schwartz.
How the Kats Grow	Lida Millar.
The Appendage	Jessica Morgan.
Phi Beta Kappa	Ruth Wilson.
William the Conquered	Selma Wiggernhorn.
Our Valentines	Nelle Randall.
Your Sweetheart's Answer	Winifred Hill.
"Our Hopes Our Fears for Future Years"	Ella Harper.

The "Appendage" is a paper, issues of which have been read at fraternity meetings during the year. It is composed of original productions contributed by the girls. It has always been a source of untold mirth whether it spoke in terms of compliment or words of clever, gentle reproof or related an incident of local or fraternity interest.

The Kappa Alpha Thetas were delightfully entertained at the Phi Delta Theta house at a chafing dish party. The tour of inspection which we took through the new chapter house inspired us with longings for a house of our own.

The fraternity obtained much amusement from a mock wedding ceremony which the girls gave at the home of Miss Vancil. The costumes were highly unique and productive of much mirth. We were honored by the presence of Miss Cecelia Archer Archer of New York, General Cornwallis, Count Rudolph Alphonso de Martel, the Right Reverend Rolland Rutherford, Königin Louisa, Prudence Backus, Aunt Polly, and other distinguished personages. After the wedding ceremony several kodac pictures of the company were taken which will be treasured as reminders of the frivolity of our college days.

Our plans for the future are centered in a large dancing party which the fraternity gives on April 15th. After a

short dancing program there will be four figures of the German.

President Schurman of Cornell visited the University and gave a chapel address which created more keen interest than any other this year.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 7; number of active members, 13; seniors, 1; juniors, 2; sophomores, 1; freshmen, 4; graduate, 1; special, 4.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Mary Milbank	Chillicothe, Mo.
Leila Morris	Evanston, Ill.
Agnes Hayden	Evanston, Ill.
Adelaide Lewis	Evanston, Ill.
Mary Orth	Hiawatha, Kan.

Number of faculty in the College of Liberal Arts, 41; number of students, 600. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Delta Gamma, 13; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 13; Alpha Phi, 13; Gamma Phi, 12; Delta Delta Delta, 13; Pi Beta Phi, 13; Alpha Chi, 17; Omega Psi, 31; Kappa Alpha Theta, 13. Men's fraternities: Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Phi Kappa Sigma, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Upsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Delta Tau Delta, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Nu, Theta Nu Epsilon.

CHAPTER LETTER.

The present year has proved, in many ways, as satisfactory as any in Tau's existence as a chapter. The withdrawal from college of our only representative in the college senior class left us somewhat handicapped, but in other departments of the university Theta has made her influence felt. So that on the whole the record of the year discloses a distinct advance.

Our members, who are connected with the School of Music have been prominent factors in that department. One very successful recital given by Thetas was that by Miss Fleshiem and Miss Miller. The latter was a charming soloist, while Miss Fleshiem's rendering of a difficult program for the piano, won for her many appreciative words. Next month, in the

School of Oratory there will be graduated two Theta girls, Miss Dietrich and Miss Cope, both are members also of the Thalian Dramatic Society and have often appeared during the year, in the various plays presented by that organization. One of the most delightful recitals of the number, given this year by the different girls in town, was the reading by Miss Cope at her home in Streator, Ill. Miss Dietrich has been awarded, besides her part at graduation, special honors in physical culture.

This last item reminds us of the success which has attended the introduction of basket-ball into the university curriculum. Theta feels an especial interest in this phase of college life, for the suggestion came to Tau originally from the chapter of Theta in the University of Nebraska. Interest in the game was aroused in Northwestern at a meeting called by Tau. Several of our girls are members of the team—which, by the way, is soon to meet the representatives of Wisconsin University at Madison.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 25; number of active members, 18; seniors, 2; juniors, 3; sophomores, 4; freshmen, 5; special, 4.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Lillian Flavia Dodson 2646 Portland Av., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Clara Elizabeth Fauning Hotel Waverly, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Alice Margaret Jones 409 West Second St., Duluth, Minn.
 Alice Emma Jackson 1428 Sixth St., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Margaret Moore 1119 Sixth St., S. E., Minneapolis, Minn.
 Grace Lucile Barker Hotel Metropolitan, St. Paul, Minn.
 Franta Soule 653 Elwood Ave., Minneapolis, Minn.

Number of faculty in the university, 150; number of students, 2,840. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Alpha Phi, 18; Delta Gamma, 15; Kappa Kappa Gamma, —; Delta Delta Delta, 14; Kappa Alpha Theta, 18. Men's fraternities: Chi Psi, Psi Upsilon, Alpha Delta Phi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Chi, Delta Upsilon, Phi Kappa Upsilon, Nu Sigma Nu, Alpha Kappa Kappa, Phi Delta Phi, Delta Chi, Delta Sigma Delta.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Our life is quite uneventful at present inasmuch as the college year is almost over and there will be no functions of any great importance until Commencement week. Spring has not even advanced far enough to make a walk in the woods sufficient inducement to skip classes, so you can see in what an absolutely quiescent state affairs are. We have only the glories of past events to look back upon, such as the Junior Ball where all the Thetas were in evidence and where we had such a splendid time; the reception which Mrs. Small gave all the Thetas and the jolly time we all had at Miss Sercombe's, who asked us to come with our patchwork and needles and make a quilt for Miss Osborn, of Psi, who is soon to be married. The quilt, we fear, was in a rather disjointed condition when we left, but we had a regular Theta jollification at any rate.

Several of our girls have returned to college for the spring term's work. It seems very good to have them back with us.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 9; number of active members, 14; seniors, 2; juniors, 4; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 3; graduate, 3.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Mary Helen Cross 15 West Gorham St., Madison, Wis.
Ina Virginia Laughy Merrill, Wis.
Nettie E. Wright 100 Cottage Av., Merrill, Wis.

Number of faculty in the university, 137; number of students, 1,423. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Delta Gamma, 19; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 11; Alpha Phi, 17; Pi Beta Phi, 20; Gamma Phi Beta, 11; Delta Delta Delta, 10; Kappa Alpha Theta, 14. Men's fraternities: Psi Upsilon, Chi Psi, Theta Delta Chi, Phi Delta Theta, Delta Tau Delta, Delta Upsilon, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Phi, Theta Nu Epsilon, Iron Mask (inter-Frat), Phi Rho Beta (local).

CHAPTER LETTER.

Our second semester opened February 15th and all Thetas have been hard at work. But, to repeat one of the well worn phrases, we have mixed work and play. On the 26th of last month Evlien and Winifred Smith had two friends from their home visiting them at the lodge, and both visitors and Thetas had a very good time.

Just now we are excited over being able to go home for a few days. Our Easter vacation begins tomorrow the 6th and extends to the 12th. We are planning to bring lots of good things back with us and have a spread for a number of our rushees the first night we are back.

Juliet Harris, one of our alumnæ who was here taking post graduate work last semester, had to give up her work on account of rheumatism. She went to Hot Springs, Arkansas, for a few weeks and on her return here her aunt gave a party in her honor. We all went in fancy dress and had a good time. After Easter Juliet will take up her work again and be with us to the end of the year.

Our Woman's Self Government Association is progressing finely. Last month the Executive Board gave a party to the girls of the freshman class, and others will be given to the girls of the other classes. The object of the parties is to draw the girls of the University nearer together. Last week the U. W. song book came out and after the vacation we are all to meet for a sing.

With best wishes to all Thetas.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnæ, 16; number of active members, 9; seniors, 3; juniors, 1; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 2.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Florence Durstine The Cumberland, Columbus, Ohio
Anna Eliza Hunter 1032 Bryden Road, Columbus, Ohio

Number of faculty in the university, 85; number of students, 1,165. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 9; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 16; Pi Beta Phi, 12; Delta Delta Delta, 11. Men's fraternities: Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Chi, Chi Phi, Beta Theta Pi, Sigma Nu, Alpha Tau Omega, Sigma Alpha Epsilon Phi Delta Phi (Law frat), Theta Nu Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Kappa Sigma.

CHAPTER LETTER.

It brings a feeling of regret to us to think that this will be the last journal for this year, and that this is the last year of college life for many of us. Three of Alpha Gamma's girls will be graduated this year but we know that their hearts will still beat true to Kappa Alpha Theta however far from her fold they may be. The three who are so shortly to take upon themselves the degree of B. A. are Ruth Ford, Anna Prall, and Grace Vance.

On the eighteenth of February Alpha Gamma and Epsilon Alumnæ chapters gave a formal ball at the Hotel Chittenden. Our guests numbered at least one hundred, including many members of the faculty and their wives, college and city friends, and well wishers for K. A. ©.

Last week we had two days of vacation which is all the vacation we are to have until June. None of us are so studious that we did not wish for a longer rest. We spent one of the two evenings given us for play at the home of Grace Eagleson, '97, who entertained most delightfully in honor of Josephine Barnaby, '96, who was at home for her spring vacation from Warren, O., where she is teaching this year.

Alpha Gamma sends love and best wishes to all the dear sisters in Kappa Alpha Theta.

Gamma District.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 3; number of active members, 17; seniors, 3; juniors, 4; sophomores, 3; freshmen, 3; graduates, 2; special 2; graduates from other chapters, 8.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Ettilla Bethell,	Henderson, Ky.
Maryline E. Barnard	Ventura, Cal.
Susie Barnwell	Los Angeles, Cal.
Minna Stillman	Stanford University, Cal.
Cora Stillman	Stanford University, Cal.
Ruth Spilman	Sacramento, Cal.

Number of faculty in the university, 112; number of students, 1,224. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Kappa Gamma, 17; Delta Gamma, 16; Kappa Alpha Theta, 17. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Kappa Psi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Delta Tau Delta, Beta Theta Pi, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Phi Delta Phi.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Were it the way of the corresponding editor to write on crops and climatic conditions, what a contrast of spring budgets we should have in our next Journal! Some of our sisters in the far east are still shivering from frost and snow, and others are still paddling about in mackintoshes and over-shoes, but we of California are out in summer clothes already. The red tiled roofs of our Alma Mater lie basking in the sun as I write. Despite our joy at the prettiness of the season, we are crying aloud for rain.

In May Mrs. Mary Roberts Smith leaves for the east to be gone a year. Those who know her will realize how we Phi girls dread her absence. Iota will gain through our loss, however, as Mrs. Smith will spend a good deal of her time at Ithaca. Therefore we spare her more willingly!

Commencement is coming for all of us, with its many heart-breakings—sorrows of and sorrows for the girls who

leave never to return. Let us remember our own griefs are but typical, and extend a universal, loving sympathy.

With very best wishes for the summer, Phi bids farewell until next year.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

CHAPTER REPORT.

Number of resident alumnae, 6; number of active members, 20; seniors, 6; juniors, 6; sophomores, 5; freshmen, 3; graduate, 1.

Names and addresses of this year's initiates.

Agnes Frisins	Alameda, Cal.
Isabel Blanchard Godin	953 Beacon St., Los Angeles, Cal.
Anna Ruth Hammond	Berkely, Cal.
Agnes Borland	Webster St. near Prospect Av., Oakland, Cal.

Number of faculty in the university, 198; number of students, 2,211. Women's fraternities and number in chapter: Kappa Alpha Theta, 20; Gamma Phi Beta, 17; Kappa Kappa Gamma, 22. Men's fraternities: Zeta Psi, Chi Phi, Delta Kappa Epsilon, Beta Theta Pi, Phi Delta Theta, Sigma Chi, Phi Gamma Delta, Sigma Nu, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Chi Psi, Kappa Alpha, Delta Upsilon, Delta Tau Delta.

CHAPTER LETTER.

Our spring term is nearly over, for examinations begin within a month, and we are crowding the days that are left with work and the gaiety that always comes when some are going away from the college life which has been so pleasant, and which must be made the most of for the little time that remains.

On February 26th, we initiated Anna Ruth Hammond, a member of the freshman class and we take this opportunity to introduce her to our sisters. Several of the Alumnae were present with us and as usual we all enjoyed the pleasant sight of so many familiar faces around the table, which was covered with violets and smilax, with a great cluster of yellow daffodils in the center. The name cards were especially pretty.

This term we have had the opportunity of entertaining a

number of girls from the different chapters. Last month, Miss Robinson, of Upsilon, called upon us at the Chapter House, and shortly afterward we were invited to a tea on Angel Island, to meet her. Angel Island is one of the army posts in California and we spent a most delightful afternoon there, enjoying the hospitality of Miss Macomber, daughter of the post chaplain. Then during the spring recess at Stanford University, the Misses Stillman of Phi were with us one day and Mrs. Maud Tufts Frick of Omicron is expected to lunch with us soon.

On March 26th, we gave a tea to the ladies of the faculty. The house was adorned with cherry blossoms massed in great branches from the walls so that the guests passed beneath a perfect bower of bloom. The curtains were drawn and rose colored lamp shades gave a pleasant glow to the pale fruit blossoms. Again, we had a number of our Alumnae with us, and their aid in receiving was another thing which contributed to the success of the afternoon. We owe so much to our Alumnae, both for being what they are and for the sisterly interest which they take in all our undertakings.

With best wishes for a delightful vacation, Omega bids "Auf Wiedersehen" to her sisters until next October.

PERSONALS.

ALPHA.

Mintie Allen, '94, has resigned her position as head of the English Department in the Anderson High School, and is now at her home in Greencastle.

Edna O'Dell, formerly '99, principal of the High School of Sugar Grove, is visiting Alpha Thetas.

Edna Johnson and Catherine Schaffer, Beta, '98, spent a few hours with Alpha sisters last week.

ALPHA DELTA.

In March, Alpha Delta enjoyed a call from Miss Brosius and Miss Pierce of Alpha Beta.

Jane Alcott Dobbins, 1900, made the chapter an enjoyable visit in March.

Zora M. Baker, 1900, and Mary Sears, '99, spent Easter vacation with Ida Evans, ex-1900, of Easton, Pa., and Jane Dobbins, 1900, of Morristown, N. J.

ALPHA GAMMA.

Owing to a severe accident received while exercising in the gymnasium Florence Bell has been absent from college for the last two weeks.

BETA.

Alta Henry '97, of Washington, D. C., has been visiting us.

Emma Pearson '97 and Marion Rondthaler '96, spent the first week of April at the Chapter House.

Alice Farmborough finished her course of study at the end of the winter term.

Mary Weir, one of our sophomores, has accompanied her invalid father to New Mexico.

Everesta Spink '99, has gone to Indianapolis to study music.

Louise Rogers '94, is taking a course in nursing in an Indianapolis hospital.

DELTA.

Miss Ethel Brown, ex-'00, of Chicago. will visit during April at the home of Louise Jones.

Louise Beasley, '01 has moved to Salt Lake City.

Miss Louise Jones spent the month of March in the South.

Miss Bessie Shaw Palmer, ex-'00 of Joliet will visit the Illinois Thetas during April.

A little daughter has come to gladden the home of Mrs. Marian Thompson Gratz of St. Louis.

IOTA.

Miss Lillian Swift, '97, and Miss Louise McCullom, ex-'98, are visiting Iota for a few days.

LAMBDA.

Miss Healey, 1900, has a position as teacher in Fairhaven, Connecticut.

Jean Christie Chandler, '86, received her degree of M.D. at the Hahneman Homeopathic College, Chicago, in the spring of '97. Since July she has had a successful practice in Spokane, Washington.

CHI.

At an election of officers in the Somerset branch of the Y. W. C. T. U.'s for the ensuing year, Miss Evelyn Johns was made president, and Miss Flora Darling, treasurer.

Miss Florence Tinsman, ex-'99, is teaching Physical Culture at Goshan, Indiana.

Miss Gertrude Virgil, '98, was called from college to accept the chair of German and French in the High School, Hamilton, N. Y. The acceptance of this position will not prevent her graduation.

Miss May E. Brown, '93, visited the chapter on her return from the installation of Alpha Zeta.

Miss Eva Miller, ex-'97, visited the chapter in April.

Chi will graduate six seniors this June. Three from the Liberal Arts College and three from the Fine Arts.

NU.

Mary Tandy spent a few days in March with her Hanover friends.

Mrs. Moffat, '89, visited her mother at Madison last month and called on us one afternoon.

Margaret McCoy, '96, who is teaching at Peru, Ind., spent her spring vacation with her mother in Hanover.

Miss Glendora Ramsey has gone to Terre Haute to study.

Miss Virginia Overton came over to attend a dance given by the Beta Theta Pi fraternity.

RHO.

Clara Walsh and Anne Barr sailed for Europe, April 2nd. Miss Walsh intends to study art in Paris and Miss Barr will visit Sweden and other countries where she will study methods of Physical Training.

Katherine Weston whose home is in Beatrice has been visiting Thetas in Lincoln.

UPSILON.

Anne Goodsill, ex-'00, who has been in Tennessee for the winter is visiting Kate Morse for a few weeks.

Married Feb. 16, Miss Zoe Hotchkiss, '98, to Mr. Henri Duval. Mr. and Mrs. Duval are living at present in Philadelphia, Pa.

Miss Carrie F. Tomlinson, '99, was married on March the thirtieth to Mr. Claus Forssell, '97. Mr. and Mrs. Forssell will make their home in St. Paul.

In Memoriam.

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to take to himself our beloved sister, Elizabeth Belle Dunlap, and thus deeply to bereave her mother and sister.

WHEREAS, we desire to express our sorrow for them in their bereavement, be it

Resolved, That we, the members of Epsilon Chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta, tender them our deepest love and sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to them and be printed in the *Kappa Alpha Theta Journal*.

MABEL A. SAYBOLT,
RUTH R. THOMPSON,
IRENE P. FLATTERY,
Committee.

EDITORIALS.

In comparing the chapter reports for the year just closing we find a number of facts that are of general interest to all Thetas and that may be of help as well as interest when we are forming definite conclusions and plans along the same line of thought to which Gamma Alumnae has drawn our attention in her article upon fraternity extension. We have added one new chapter to our roll and now have 23 active chapters with a total membership of 370. Three alumnae chapters have been added making eight in all. Because of an unfortunate mistake, reports from the alumnae chapters are not published. The average membership of the active chapters is between 16 and 17. Last year it was 17, Beta leading with a total membership of 35 and Chi second with 32. This year they change places and Chi leads with 28, Beta being a close second with 27. Delta is our smallest chapter this year with 8 members. Nu and Alpha Gamma share second place with 9 members each. The average number of initiates is between 5 and 6, one less than it was last year. The smallest number initiated in any chapter is 2 and the largest 10. Of the people we meet Kappa Kappa Gamma is Theta's most familiar friend, 16 of our chapters meet her in friendly rivalry in as many different institutions. We meet Pi Beta Phi in 10, Alpha Phi, Delta Gamma, and Delta Delta Delta in 7 each, Gamma Phi Beta in 5, and Alpha Chi Omega in 2. Local and interfraternity societies are of course met with in many cases. Nu has the field entirely to herself without rivals, and Alpha Epsilon meets only local societies.

The question of size perhaps more than any other item of the statistics that may be gathered from these reports must in every case be considered only in comparison with the conditions under which the chapter exists both in regard to the institution in which it is and the size of the chapters of other fraternities in the same place.

A point of interest to everyone who takes any interest in the fraternity house question, is the number of chapters owning or renting houses. It is with interest that we look for the numbers but with regret that we note how small they are. Only one chapter, Pi, now owns its house, one other having just sold the house that they have owned for a number of years. Five chapters, Chi, Alpha Beta, Psi, Phi, and Omega, rent houses and have done so long enough to have passed the point of experiment and to have gained a practical experience of the reasons for and against the ownership of chapter houses. In every case the reasons for seem to far out balance those against and no chapter doubts the advisability and the advantage to be gained from fraternity house life. The difficulties appear in the practical working of the scheme and in many cases this difficulty is merely one of inexperience and lack of practical knowledge that is not surprising on the part of a college girl. Pi's enthusiasm has prompted her to let her sisters share with her her joy in her new house and we hope that in the next number of the Journal we will have the experience of the other chapters that have houses and as far as possible the practical details of their various plans.

We have one more active chapter and one more alumnae to welcome to their places among us. Each of them an added strength to our chapter roll and another reason for our pride and confidence in our fraternity.

Just at this time when the chapters separate for the year the suggestions for summer work in the undergraduate department are most pertinent and should be fruitful of more than thought to every chapter that has not already finished its work along this line. The practical results for good that are to be gained from this final bit of work are such as will often make the difference between a thoroughly successful year and one that is filled with the mistakes that past experience should have taught the way to avoid.

EXCHANGES.

From the April *Trident* we learn that Delta Delta Delta has also been the victim of the X rays of an examining committee. We cannot help wondering whether their examination was as "stiff" as ours. May they pardon our undue interest!

Unfortunately for some of us the fraternity examination did not conflict with college examinations so that we shall be unable to attribute to that cause any low percentages which may occur.

It is cheering to learn that we are not alone in our wickedness and that Delta Delta Delta also put off studying until the day of examination. "Sympathy and Greeting! So have we done in our time."

The *Trident* announces the following result:

The fraternity examination as a whole was a success, and will result in benefit to the fraternity. In some of the chapters the time appointed unfortunately interfered with college examinations and a number were unable to take the fraternity examination. This explains, in part, the low percentage of several chapters. It is hoped that the failure to pass may prove a salutary lesson in the cultivation of promptness. We fear too many put off studying the constitution and ritual until the day of examination. Naturally it proved an evil day for them.

The questions were certainly clear and fair, and the marking, we are confident, was done in a conscientious manner. Perhaps the high ideals of our fraternity government are grievously apparent to those who failed. Comparisons are always invidious, but it seems as though our older chapters must look well to their laurels or the younger charges will lead in fraternity work.

An article on "The Senior in Fraternity" in the *Alpha Phi Quarterly* for February contains the paragraph quoted below. How often seniors fail to realize the responsibility

which rests upon them and as a consequence are found wanting in great crises ! And how often underclassmen fail to sympathize with the seniors ! and remember that 'tis

“Theirs not to make reply
Theirs not to reason why
Theirs but to do and——”

no indeed, not *die*. but to trust in the experience and mature judgment of their elder sisters :—

The senior should be able to plan definitely the fraternity work. It is one thing to have opinions, another to crystallize them into practical forms. All agree that the senior must plan the work. With this comes the need for executive ability. For three years the senior has taken her part in performing the more mechanical work. Now her place is to stand at the head and direct. If the underclassmen are inclined to rebel and think the senior is unduly exalted, in time they will know for themselves that responsibility of planning is a far heavier burden than doing set tasks. In directing, the senior should consider that she is training the underclassmen for future work. She should grasp quickly the possibilities of the individual girls and endeavor to develop them by giving them practice along lines where they show most natural ability.

On every occasion, the senior should use tact. She should know from her own pleasant and unpleasant experiences how much and how little to say, when to talk, when to keep still, when to urge, when to hold back. All her definite opinions, all her ability in directing, will be worth little without tact.

On the whole, the position and functions of the senior are those of a wise, loving older sister. Because she is older and more experienced, the younger children should look up to her, ask and take her advice, rejoice in her praise, accept her rebukes. The senior should have all the tenderness of an older sister. If the underclassmen make mistakes why she doubtless did the same, if they seem a little willful, she probably felt the same when restrained. Experience will teach them many things. If on both sides there is a feeling of true, deep, sisterly love, all the little jars and frictions can be done away with and we can truly be

“Sisters all in unity.”

The chapter groups of Sigma Alpha Epsilon at Leland

Stanford and the University of California are given in the *May Record*, accompanied by an article on the same.

The *Record* also contains a short history of Bucknell University and of the fraternities established there.

The *Caduceus* of Kappa Sigma for March contains a historical sketch of Brown University, illustrated by views of the campus and buildings.

The sketch is followed by an account of the founding of a new chapter of Kappa Sigma at that University.

According to the April *Anchora* the "Delta Gamma worker" is the "alert" girl described in the paragraphs we are about to quote. The "alert" girl we, too, deem as a worker and would add to the description, the girl who returning from a twenty mile ride at seven-thirty p. m. has time to don a fresh bib and tucker for a chapter meeting at eight; who can go to the Junior Prom and be on time for her "eight o'clock" closely succeeding and render soulfully and intelligently thereat, a flowing translation of Antigone's last appeal; who is willing to stop just before the climax of an exciting letter to correct a *meletema* for the despairing freshman she meets in the hall; who unfailingly terminates the suspense of her anxious classmates in an interclass basket ball game by an easy and well-aimed goal; who brings forth from a reluctant and critical alumna the seldom voiced confession that the chapter is really almost as good as it was in her day; who, finally, at the end of her course in Junior Proms, in basket ball, in making rabbits, in conducting "stunt" initiations at midnight hours, and, incidentally, in Liberal Arts appears on Commencement Day modestly concealing 'neath the folds of her Senior gown the envied key which unlocks the reward of duty fulfilled:

"There is nothing like college life to bring out all the possibilities within a girl, who soon finds out that one of the greatest accomplishments, or arts, she may possess, is the ability to use time to its best advantage. Why is it if none are idlers, that some accomplish so much more than others during a college course? It may be superior intellectual power, it may be unusual executive ability, it may be

physical agility, but more often it is the mere knowing how to use each moment, the non-putting off of little things, the faculty of distinguishing the important from the unimportant, in short the knowing how to solve the happy combination of working in work time and playing in play time.

When I first came into the fraternity I looked almost with awe on girls who accomplished so much. I have since learned the secret of it. They are girls who take the regular college course, and are a credit to the class to which they belong. They are active in literary societies, and leading fraternity workers. They are not exclusive girls known to their fraternity alone but are always pleasant and sunny. They make, each day, new friends and find new experiences. They have time for social pleasures outside of fraternity, and are never too busy for unexpected demands. They call on the new girl, plan work and entertainments, and serve on class committees. They are college workers.

Every fraternity has this kind of girl—the ready girl. Indeed toward the middle of the year the majority of them are such, for the college girl soon recognizes that the fraternity is an excellent training school to teach her that most important fact, that for everything she must do, there is time.

The fraternity honors its book worm, caresses its society girl, loves its thoughtful timid girls, but those who are the nucleus of the fraternity, the alert girls, who suggest ideas, plan pleasure, attend to correspondence, keep up past records, who are mindful of the alumnae and of the best interest of the fraternity, who are always going about with eyes and ears open for good members,—these are the ones who make, and will keep Delta Gamma active, progressive and enduring."

NOTES AND CLIPPINGS.

The eight largest universities of the world are in Europe in the following order: Paris, Berlin, Vienna, Madrid, Naples, Moscow, Budapest, and Munich. Harvard in America takes the ninth place. The following tables show the relative position of the ten leading American universities during the last five years.

1892-'93.	1893-'94.	1894-'95.	1895-'96.	1896-'97.
1. Harvard	Harvard	Harvard	Harvard	Harvard
2. Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Michigan	Northwestern
3. Yale	Yale	Penn.	Penn.	Michigan
4. Penn.	Penn.	Yale	Minnesota	Pennsylvania
5. Cornell	Columbia	Minnesota	Yale	Minnesota
6. Columbia	Cornell	Columbia	California	Yale
7. New York	Wisconsin	California	Columbia	California
8. Minnesota	Minnesota	Cornell	Chicago	Chicago
9. Wisconsin	California	Chicago	Cornell	Columbia
10. California	Boston	Wisconsin	Wisconsin	Cornell

It will be noticed that, though Harvard and Pennsylvania hold their positions, first and fourth respectively, other eastern institutions take lower rank in the scale, Yale having dropped from third to sixth place, Columbia from sixth to ninth, and Cornell from fifth to tenth, while New York and Boston no longer appear among the first ten. Among western institutions, the sudden jump of Northwestern, which was not among the first ten before 1896-'97, to second place in that year, is rather surprising. This puts Michigan in third place. Wisconsin ninth in 1892-'93, spurted to seventh place in 1893-'94, fell back to tenth in 1894-'95 and '96 and disappeared below the line in 1896-'97. Minnesota, eighth at first, finished fifth, having once been fourth. California, tenth at first, finished seventh, having once been sixth. Chicago did not get in the list until 1894-'95 when it was ninth, the next two years being eighth. Though the relative positions of these institutions, according to attendance, have changed, none of them probably have fewer students than in 1892-'93; on the contrary, most of them undoubtedly have a considerably larger attendance now than then.

The National Phi Beta Kappa Council, on February 14, 1898, sent out to all chapters of the fraternity, two resolutions which will probably result in settling two long discussed questions. The first declares that it is inexpedient to grant a chapter to any institution which does not grant the degree of Bachelor of Arts. The second declares that it is inexpedient to confine the members in every chapter to graduates taking the degree of B. A. Until a few years ago the sentiment of these resolutions was the sentiment of the entire society, but recently, owing to the rapid and prosperous development of scientific courses and schools, it has proved more difficult to ignore them. The resolutions will once more restore the equilibrium of the society. They will affect many western colleges.

Mr. William R. Baird was some time ago forced to suspend work on the preparation of a new edition of "American College Fraternities" on account of professional duties, and also because some of the leading fraternities would not contribute necessary information. It is now reported, however, that the compilation is completed, and, after a last revision, will be placed in the hands of the printer.

Beta Theta Pi and Phi Delta Theta were incorporated in Ohio, the state of their birth, the former about 1879 and the latter in 1881. The other Miami fraternity, Sigma Chi, is being incorporated in Illinois, headquarters being at Chicago. The *Sigma Chi Quarterly* for February says:

While the constitution adopted by the last grand chapter covers admirably the present needs of the fraternity in a general way, experience has nevertheless already revealed a number of points which call for amendment and revision at once. When the grand triumvirs took up the question of incorporation, after investigating the matter carefully, it became apparent that the fraternity as such could not be incorporated to advantage under the laws of any state, and in order to carry out the intent of the legislation enacted at Nashville, a change was accordingly recommended by the triumvirs looking toward the incorporation of the grand council, instead of the fraternity, in order to thoroughly overcome every possible objection to incorporation under the statutes of Illinois. . . . The grand council consists of exactly fourteen members, each having the right to vote on all questions. . . . Under the new plan, 'the grand council shall be a body corporate, under the laws of the state of Illinois, known as the grand council of the Sigma Chi

fraternity. As such body corporate it shall adopt and enforce by-laws in accordance with the constitution, statutes and ritual of the fraternity and the statutes of Illinois.' Another section provides that the grand council shall be a trustee to collect, hold and disburse all moneys coming to the endowment fund. It is further provided that the grand triumvirs shall constitute a board of directors, with the grand quaestor acting as treasurer.

It is explained that the 'alumni endowment fund' is 'for the purpose of building chapter houses and carrying on other schemes of general importance.'